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SUBJ: PROCUREMENT OF YUGOSLAV BEEF BY US ARMED FORCES

1. SUDDEN DEPARTURE OF US ARMY VETERINARIAN CAPTAIN THELTON W. MCCORCLE LEAVES ONLY SSGT JOSEPH TURKALY ON PERMANENT ASSIGNMENT TO BELGRADE TO INSPECT YUGOSLAV BEEF PURCHASED BY US FORCES THROUGH ENTERPRISE JUGOEXPORT. THOUGH TWO TDY ENLISTED INSPECTORS HERE AT THIS TIME, EMBASSY CONCERNED WHETHER ABSENCE OF ARMY VETERINARY DOCTOR MAY IMPAIR EFFECTIVE SUPERVISION OF PROCUREMENT CONTRACTS. CONCERN HEIGHTENED BY STATEMENTS BY VISITING TEAM OF US ARMY PROCUREMENT AND VETERINARY OFFICERS LAST AUTUMN THAT PROBLEMS WERE BEING EXPERIENCED WITH YUGOSLAVS OVER LATE DELIVERY AND STANDARDS.

2. EMBASSY'S FIRST INTEREST IS THAT US FORCES RECEIVE ADQUATE SUPPLY OF GOOD BEEF AT BEST PRICE. WE ARE ALSO INTERESTED IN BEEF SHIPMENTS AS SIGNIFICANT MEANS FOR EXPANSION OF BILATERAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS, WHICH IS FUNDAMENTAL ELEMENT IN U.S. OVERALL POLICY TOWARD YUGOSLAVIA. YUGOSLAV OFFICIALS HAVE STRESSED TO US IMPORTANCE THEY ATTACH TO U.S. MILITARY PROCUREMENT. IF THERE ARE

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PROBLEMS IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH PROCUREMENT, IT IS

IMPORTANT FOR YUGOSLAV GOVERNMENT TO HAVE OPPORTUNITY
TO INFLUENCE SUPPLIERS TO CORRECT THEM.

3. EMBASSY IS HOPEFUL OF EARLY ARRIVAL OF ARMY VETERINARY
DOCTOR TO SUPERVISE PROCUREMENT.

4. WE ALSO RECOMMEND EARLIEST POSSIBLE VISIT TO BELGRADE
BY COLONEL BROWN TO BRIEF EMBASSY ON CURRENT CONTRACTUAL
SITUATION, AND DISCUSS OPERATION OF VETERINARY TEAM HERE.
IN CASE OF PROBLEMS, WE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT VISITING ARMY OFFICER,
ACCOMPANIED BY EMBASSY OFFICER, BRIEF YUGOSLAV GOVERNMENT
OFFICIALS.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE LEARNING
WHEN COLONEL BROWN WILL VISIT BELGRADE, AND WHEN CAPTAIN
MCCORCLE WILL BE REPLACED.
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